

PROXIMAL DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS

patients with pulmonary embolism, although symptoms of DVT may not be present. The actual incidence of DVT in pulmonary emboli has not been clearly shown in life because it requires carrying out venography and pulmonary angiography in sick, unstable patients. Recently, it has been reported that in patients with suspected pulmonary emboli, 90 percent of those with abnormal IPG had arteriogram-documented pulmonary embolism; conversely, of patients with negative IPG's, 90 percent had normal pulmonary arteriograms.¹⁹ The potential predictive value of the IPG test result in patients with suspected pulmonary embolism warrants confirmation.

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Common Errors in Lavage

ICE WATER LAVAGE does lessen peptic bleeding—or delays gastric emptying, which aids in evacuating the stomach; and it cleans the stomach for panendoscopy. . . . The common errors in lavage are the following: too small a lavage tube, too little volume or lavage force, too short a duration of lavage and too much suction force. . . . So it should be vigorous inflow and very gentle outflow.

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